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Dear Sir:

As a preliminary matter, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the brief telephone conference on November 21, 2005, during which the Examiner and Applicants' attorney discussed a reference cited on the International Search Report during the international phase of this application (EP-0190682-A2).

Because the Notice of Acceptance indicated that the references cited in the International Search Report were transmitted to the U.S. Patent Office, we assume that they have been considered by the Examiner in accordance with MPEP §1893.03(g). Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner confirm for the record that EP-0190682-A2 was considered. It appears that the previous attorney cited the other seven references from the International Search Report in an Information Disclosure Statement, as well as US 5,071,876, the US application corresponding to EP-0190682-A2, all of which were initialed by the Examiner. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants attach herewith a supplemental SB/08 citing EP-0190682-A2, and respectfully request that the Examiner initial the SB/08 for the record. Because this

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application was only recently transferred to the present attorney, the absence of verification concerning the consideration of the ISR references was only recently noticed.

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